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## Amendments to the specification

Please amend the first full paragraph on page 1 as follows:

[0001] The present application is related to commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application No. ~~10/716270~~ (Attorney Docket No. 03-4012), entitled "Optical Ad-Hoc Networks," and filed on a same date herewith; and commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application No. 10/715751 (Attorney Docket No. 03-4015), entitled "Systems and Methods for Implementing Contention-Based Optical Channel Access," and filed on a same date herewith, the disclosures of which are hereby incorporated herein by reference in their respective entireties.

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